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Malenkov Speeches

Malenkov's funeral oration offered:

(9 MARCH)

1. Internal: To further strengthen

- (a) The State
- (b) The development of human society and the national question
- (c) The Soviet Armed Forces
- (d) The collective farm order
- (e) The union of the working class and the collective farm peasantry
- (f) To strive for further improvement in the material welfare of workers, collective farmers, the intelligentsia, and all Soviet people.
- (g) To preserve and strengthen the unity of the Party and the unity of the Party with the masses of people.

2. Orbit:

- (a) "To preserve and consolidate the greatest attainment of the people -- the camp of peace, democracy, and Socialism -- to strengthen the ties of friendship and solidarity of the peoples of the democratic bloc."

Note: Special mention was given to the task of consolidating Sino-Soviet friendship.

3. Foreign policy:

- (a) To pursue the Soviet Union's "most correct, essential, and just foreign policy -- peace among all nations, based on operating mutual trust, supported by facts and confirmed by facts...."

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Supreme Soviet Speech:

(15 March 64)

(1) Reiterates points in funeral oration and refers listeners to his own, Beria's and Molotov's funeral orations for further particulars.

(2) "Enlarges his observations on foreign affairs."

Malenkov's speech at meeting of the Supreme Soviet:

"I consider it imperative to state that the government... will strictly carry out the policy worked out by the Party... the position already stated in my speech," and in those of Comrades Beria and Molotov at the memorial meeting of 9 March.

"The Soviet government will consistently carry out the tried policy of maintaining and consolidating peace, insure the defense and security of the Soviet Union, carry on a policy of cooperation with all countries and the development of business relations with them on the basis of mutual respect of interests, continue in the future a close political and economic cooperation, and strengthen the links of fraternal friendship and solidarity with the great Chinese people and with all the peoples of the democratic countries.

"At the present moment there is no controversial or outstanding problem that could not be settled in a peaceful way on the basis of mutual agreement by the interested countries" - Specifically includes relations with the United States.

Comments:

1. The peace and coexistence line is the same as before but is

(a) milder in tone

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(b) minus any reference to US imperialism or warmongering.

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2. The line on conditions for coexistence is more general than Stalin's three conditions in 1952 -- mutual desire for cooperation -- readiness to fulfill undertaken obligations -- observance of the principle of equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states.

3. Nothing new in line on possibilities for trade.

4. Anti-US line has been dormant since Stalin's death with only exception a reference to US imperialism in a TASS release on UN activities.

5. Malenkov's speeches appear somewhat milder in tone than official pronouncements before March.

6. As is general practice, however, Soviet propaganda has not criticized the new administration in the US nor the President. With new governments and leaders, Moscow usually waits for a specific act on which to base criticism.

7. Generally speaking Malenkov's speeches seem designed to reassure the Soviet people and stress the need for internal unity. Although, with specific regard for Western audiences, Malenkov wishes to emphasize the possibility of talks.

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ALBANIA

There are rumors of events in Albania and the Italians are looking for an upset there and pretend to fear Yugoslav - Greece partition of the country. Italians present that to us as worst possible example indicating that first Satellite to be liberated is swallowed up by neighbors. About only hard fact is that Memhet Shehu, Minister of Interior and Vice-Premier of Albania and strong man after Hoxha (maybe before) did not appear Stalin's funeral and will not attend Gottwald's funeral and is apparently in disgrace or worse.

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